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**The Work.**

The good work has opened this season in a very promising manner, and there is room to feel sanguine that the Brethren cause will reach out into many new districts and lift high the banner of Gospel religion, and cause its doctrines to be planted into many new hearts; and in the fields already worked, the holy leaven will spread and perform its mission in bringing in many wanderers from the uncertain ways of sin.

While there are a few questions before the church on which there is difference of opinion, Justice, Love and Mercy will prevail and the Lord will sustain his laborers in performing the work far grander and more noble than contending about things that are of no particular profit—they will preach the gospel of Jesus Christ which will make men wise unto salvation, and not put upon it riders that will not allow people liberty in those things which are not essential to salvation. This with all of the commands of the Lord Jesus and his ordinances, is the grand distinctive feature of the Brethren Church, and God will crown its efforts put forth to spread his truth with abundant success.

The future is most promising in more ways than one. Not only are our evangelists having encouraging success everywhere, but various other necessary church works are being commenced, and maintained. Among these it is a satisfaction to know that during the winter, there will be six or seven young ministers at our college preparing to serve well in their high office.

The College is doing more than was expected, and its future is very promising. It not only promises to sustain itself, but it is not an unreasonable hope to expect that it will be a source of revenue in a year or two, and then the faculty is conducting it in a manner that is a credit to our brotherhood.

Our brethren are training themselves in the custom of giving for the good works of the church, and in a few years it will be as easy to raise a hundred dollars for church work as it is to raise one now. We are only living in this world to do what good we can. We brought nothing in and it is sure we can carry nothing out; then while we are in the world, we should all provoke one another to good works, and be liberal with that which God gave.

How selfish we are with that which God has given us to be stewards over.

Let us one and all throw off the love for contention and cease to discuss and defend things that are not profitable in bringing souls to Christ and in moulding our own characters after the divine ideal character of the gospel, and redouble our energies to gather a glorious harvest for Christ.

Pray for the blessing of God upon the work, and for fervent charity among ourselves.

**NOTES AND NEWS.**

Bro. Bashor is now at work in Indiana.

The meeting at Pleasant Hill was a fruitful one.

Bro. A. M. Ridenour is now preaching at Auburn, Ill.

One recently united with the church at Lanark, Ill., by relation.

Sister Clara Miller, of the Fair Haven church visited Ashland last week.

Bro. E. L. Hilderbrand of Waterloo, Iowa, is again in the College circle.

Bro. E. J. Worst has moved from Little Rock, Arkansas, to Bon Aqua, Tenn.

Next Sunday afternoon we preach at the church in John's Addition, Mansfield, at 4 p. m.

On the 21st, one united with the church at Hudson, Iowa, and there are prospects for others soon.

Three dollars are reported this week for the Ohio Mission Fund. Faithful sisters down at Louisville are the persons of honor.

Bro. J. H. Swihart will soon be free from pastoral obligations and then he expects to spend some time in the revival field.

Brother Walter Clark advises those who live on Grumble street to move on Thanksgiving street. It is always pleasant to give thanks.

Bro. E. L. Hilderbrand was advanced to the full ministry of the word by the church at Waterloo, Iowa, before he came here to resume his studies.

This is the month when the donations for the Mission work should be made. Every member in Ohio should be ambitious to give one dollar at least.

Ministers who desire to keep the members of their congregations alive should see that they take the church paper. We all need to read our literature to keep our zeal as we should.

Bro. J. B. Wampler says, Our lovefeast is among the things of the past. We had a refreshing season. One united by relation. Eld. Thomas Graham, of Nebraska is visiting friends in our vicinity.

Bro. Mallott came among us last Thursday, and preached an excellent sermon in the College Chapel in the evening. He remained till Friday evening, visiting the College and transacting business he had to do. His visit was enjoyed very much, and we welcome him back. Bro. Mallott is a sincere lover of fraternal peace. The Lord bless him in his work.

How many will take up brother Josiah Keim's proposed line of College work, and donate 50 cents? It is our college and let us not forget that help is yet needed.

Why not take up collections in all our churches at favorable times as brother J. D. McFaden's church has, for the College? Many dollars could be obtained through them that will not be secured otherwise.

We now have seven articles on the Communion question. One will be published each week, and in the order received. These will last about two months, so those who intend writing on this subject need be in no hurry.

About 70 members shared in the communion held in the Meyersdale church, Pa., on the 25th. As a result of the meetings held there, three were baptized, one reclaimed, and one by relation from the Conservatives. The meetings were continued, and still grander results may follow.

Here is a note which breathes such a noble brotherly feeling that we print it entire: I enclose you here with a speech I made before \* \* \* on Primary work. While I of course send it for the EVANGELIST, I shall not insist on publication, but allow you the free exercise of your discretionary powers in the matter, you may publish if you wish, or boil down and publish a part, or cast bodily into the waste basket. You are the editor and any disposition you make of it, will be cheerfully accepted by me.

May the good Lord bless this brother.

**Field Echoes.**

Had a pleasant sojourn with the church at Pleasant Hill, O. Visited at the homes of nearly all the brethren, and some friends to the Brethren cause, among them Mr. and Mrs. Switzer. Mr. S. brought me to the train before daylight Tuesday morning Sept. 28. I mention these people thinking there may be some relationship looked up between them and Bro. Owen Switzer of Warsaw, Ind. They are related by virtue of social traits that throw sunshine about a person when in either of their homes. I visited the grave of Bro. Michael Deeter a former minister of this congregation with whom I had met last winter at Winchester. He died last spring. He had looked forward hopefully to this meeting, but was called to mingle with spirits in the land where love triumphs over even hope and faith. I sometimes feel amid the disappointments and internal troubles of life, it were better if more of us had passed the line of earthly experience and gone home to rest. But all the days of our life will we wait until our change shall come.

One of our meetings preparatory to baptism was held at the home of his widow, sister Mary Deeter. Sister Della and Bro. Wm., a daughter and son of his, were among those baptized during the meetings.

There are a great many cases of typhoid fever in this vicinity. Among those suffering from this dreaded disease are Bro. Isaac Deeter and Miss Bertha, a daughter of brother and sister Heft.

Think the future for the

church at Pleasant Hill is very encouraging. Bro. Mason is liked very much as a pastor. Well I do not see how it could be otherwise; he is always cheerful, zealous, and has a good word for all. Bro. Teeter is the home minister. He, with the brethren hold a social meeting each Saturday eve. He has our thanks for some lucious melons of his town raising. He is quite a successful horticulturist.

Remembering all at Pleasant Hill for their kindness, I subscribe myself theirs in the Lord.  
R. F. MALLOTT.

**Kansas Jottings**

Our little band is still battling with the adversary of souls. Our strongest opposition is in the form of professors of religion. Sectarianism is so stereotyped in the brain of many religionists, that to be confronted, is to be challenged to conflict. And here in the West is found more of that combative spirit, religiously, than we have ever met. At first thought it may appear wrong. But after mature reflection it is not so repulsive.

Being thrown together as we are from all points of the compass, and with all our religious preferences, it is not to be wondered at, that a little strife for preeminence should arise.

The Methodist, boasting of his numbers, wants to have things run on a Methodist line. The Baptist, with his boasted antiquity of origin, says everything must bend to the Baptist order of things; and they embrace such a diversity of orders that things often get badly mixed, and as much is so with all the rest.

The Old G. Baptist wants every thing brought to the standard of 50 or 60 years ago. The G. Baptist to the A. M. requirements, while the New Order of the "Brethren" insists upon the Bible alone. This may seem a little rough, but it is really good after all. The boasting Methodist learns that truth is not estimated by members, and the Baptist that antiquity of origin does not always entitle to preeminence.

But, by actual contact, the rough edges are worn off, and many wholesome lessons in Christian forbearance are imbibed. None of us can have things just our own way, and I am quite well pleased to witness the spirit manifested by some of the diverse elements of our old fraternity. The Old Order vie with the G. B's in religious presentiments; the Brethren with the other two in religious perfections, each striving to present the better light. This is certainly good, and if the proper spirit is maintained it will redound to the honor and glory of God.

We expect to hold our annual love feast Oct. 23rd, six miles East, and four miles South of Parsons. We claim to be hospitable, and cordially invite our brethren and sisters in the surrounding churches to come and be with us. We need ministerial help in this part of the Vineyard, and had hoped for a convention, that such demands might have been in some way provided for or aided. But since such convention is vetoed, we shall struggle on, do the best we can, trusting in God for divine aid and influence.

Where is Bro. Fitzgerald? We had hoped to see him in Kansas

ere this time prospecting for a location.

We invite Bro. John to come and visit us. Bro. Isaiah How are, of Southern Ind., paid us a visit Sept. 12th, and preached a warm sermon on the "Love of God." How we love such brethren, who lay aside prejudice, and cultivate only the love of God. We invite all such to come and be with us. Pass this way again Bro. Howard.

A. J. HIXSON.

Parsons, Kansas.

**Nickerson, Kans.**

We are still alive to the Master's cause. Our lovefeast, near Nickerson, Kansas, Sept. 11th, was an enjoyable season though we keenly felt the disappointment of being left alone in the ministry, brother Alfred Ogle, who was here, going home on the day of our feast, on account of sickness.

On the morning of the 18th of September, I started for the lovefeast near Peabody, Marion County. I arrived at Peabody about two o'clock p. m. Was taken to the hospitable home of brother E. Stoner. I enjoyed a ramble through the nursery of E. Stoner & Son, accompanied by Clate Stoner. They have a large stock of well grown fruit trees of many varieties, and I take pleasure in recommending them as an honorable and fair dealing firm to all who may need trees for transplanting.

Convened with the Brethren at 7 o'clock, for the observance of our Master's institution, and we were happy to be with this little band of the faithful. May God greatly bless and increase them. I preached to a large and attentive audience on Lord's day morning and again in the afternoon. I remained with brother Z. Rhodes in Peabody, and enjoyed their society very much. Took the train at 6:15 a. m. on the 19th and arrived safely at Nickerson and found my family (who were sick) greatly improved. I feel thankful to God for his care, and to the Brethren for their kindness and the substantial gift presented me. May God bless and prosper them.

JACOB W. BEHR.

**Notice.**

The Pleasant Valley church, Labette Co., Kans., will hold its annual Love Feast Oct. 23rd beginning at 3½ p. m. Location, 6 miles east and 4 miles south of Parsons. All our brethren and sisters are cordially invited, especially, ministering brethren. Those coming by K. C. F. S. & G. R. R. will stop off at Laneville; by No. Pacific, Parsons. If notified will meet brethren at station.

A. J. HIXSON.

The Brethren at New Enterprise, Pa., will hold a lovefeast on the evening of the 6th of Nov. next. A short series of sermons will begin a few evenings previous.

All who desire, are welcome to participate in the exercises.

JAKE REPROGLE.

**Cincinnati and Return.**

Commencing with train three of Oct. 7th and to include all regular trains until train three of Oct. 8th, tickets will be on sale at this office at \$3.50 each, good for return until Oct. 11th.

J. B. BRINTON, Agt.

The Governors of the 13 original states are arranging for a grand memorial celebration.